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1. SUMMARY: USLO HAS OBTAINED THE JULY 22 ISSUE OF KIRIN DAILY WHICH CARRIED A HARD-HITTING ARTICLE ON THE NEED TO RECTIFY ALL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PROVINCE IN ORDER TO WIPE OUT "BEATERS AND SMASHERS". EVEN THOUGH THE PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP WAS RESHUFFLED IN 1977, THE PRESENT RECTIFICATION CAMPAIGN THERE SUGGESTS THAT THE CENTRAL LEADERSHIP HAS AGAIN DIRECTLY INTERVENED IN KIRIN'S AFFAIRS. END SUMMARY.

2. USLO HAS OBTAINED A COPY OF KIRIN DAILY (NOT AVAILABLE TO FOREIGNERS) WHICH CONTAINS A VERY EXPLICIT AND HARD-HITTING REPORT ON A RECENT PROVINCIAL MEETING ON HOW TO DEAL WITH "BEATERS AND SMASHERS" AND THE LAGGING RECTIFICATION CAMPAIGN. THE ARTICLE, TITLED "SMASH THE COVERUP; STIR UP THE STAGNANT WATER; SUCCESSFULLY MANAGE THE MOVEMENT", APPEARED IN THE
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JULY 22 ISSUE (ORIGINAL POUCHED TO HONG KONG). ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, KIRIN CCP SECRETARY KAO YANG SPOKE AT A RECENT THREE AND A HALF DAY MEETING ON KIRIN'S CONTINUING PROBLEMS. THE UPSHOT OF KAO'S SPEECH IS THAT KIRIN'S PROBLEMS ARE DUE TO FAILURE OF MOST UNITS TO CARRY OUT ORGANIZATIONAL RECTIFICATION. KAO STATED THAT ONLY ONE QUARTER OF KIRIN'S UNITS HAVE COMPLETED ORGANIZATIONAL RECTIFICATION, AND

ROUGHLY ONE HALF HAVE "GENERALLY" CARRIED OUT RECTIFICATION, BUT "MORE THAN 20 PER CENT" HAVE NOT EVEN BEGUN TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM. IN FACT, KAO SAID, SOME UNITS HAVE NOT IMPLEMENTED THE DOCUMENTS OF THE PROVINCIAL PARTY COMMITTEE, HAVE "OPPRESSED THE MASSES" AND "DO NOT PERMIT THE EXPOSURE OF BEATERS AND SMASHERS".

3. KAO DEMANDED THAT THIS PROBLEM BE SOLVED WITHIN TWO MONTHS. ALL UNITS MUST RECTIFY THEMSELVES ORGANIZATIONALLY AND REFORM THEIR WORK STYLE. HE SAID THAT SOME UNITS WILL REQUIRE THE DISPATCH OF "ORGANIZATIONAL WORK GROUPS" (PRESUMABLY FROM THE PROVINCIAL HEADQUARTERS). KAO INDICATED THAT IF THIS DOESN'T WORK, THEN THE LEADING CADRES OF THE UNITS WILL BE REMOVED.

4. KAO'S SPEECH PROVIDES A CONCRETE INDICATION OF THE PRIORITY BEING GIVEN BY THE PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP IN KIWIN TO CONDUCTING A THOROUGH AND FAR REACHING RECTIFICATION CAMPAIGN DESIGNED TO RESTORE INTERNAL DISCIPLINE. WHILE KAO DOES NOT EXPLICITLY MENTION SECURITY, HIS USE OF THE TERM "BEATERS AND SMASHERS" SUGGESTS THAT THE MUDDLED POLITICAL SITUATION THERE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO LAW AND ORDER PROBLEMS. ACCORDING TO A TRAVELER WHO VISITED KIRIN CITY IN MID-JULY SEVERAL POSTERS ACCLAIMED THE RECENT DECISION TO DISMISS TSUN YAO, DIRECTOR OF KIRIN'S PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU, AND HIS DEPUTY CHOU. THE POSTERS ALSO INDICATED THAT THE "CENTER'S NO. CONFIDENTIAL

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2 GENERAL OFFICE" HAD APPOINTED A "SENIOR CADRE" TO DIRECT KIRIN'S PUBLIC SECURITY WORK. BOTH CHANGCHUN AND KIRIN CITY REMAIN OPEN TO FOREIGN VISITORS, INDICATING THAT THE SITUATION HAS NOT DETERIORATED INTO RAMPANT LAWLESSNESS WHICH WAS SEEN IN SEVERAL AREAS OF CHINA IN 1976. NEVERTHELESS, THE RECENT DECISION TO RESHUFFLE THE SECURITY APPARATUS AND KAO'S BLUNT SPEECH SUGGEST THAT THE CENTRAL LEADERSHIP IN PEKING IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE LOCAL POLITICAL AND SECURITY SITUATION AND HAS AGAIN TAKEN A DIRECT ROLE IN SOLVING KIRIN'S PROBLEMS. WOODCOCK

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